

MICHIGAN'S AMERICORPS MEMBER CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016

9:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

LANSING CENTER * LANSING, MI



"Igniting Your Passion"

AGENDA

8:30–9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION / EXHIBITOR NETWORKING

9:30 a.m.

KICKOFF

*With remarks from Wendy Spencer, CEO
Corporation for National & Community Service*

10:45 a.m.

BREAK / EXHIBITOR NETWORKING

11:00 a.m.

WORKSHOP BLOCK I

12:15 p.m.

LUNCH PLENARY

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

MARK J. LINDQUIST, BREATH IS LIMITED



Mark J. Lindquist is a nationally recognized motivational speaker, Lead Singer of the Mark J. Lindquist Big Band, world-touring entertainer, Executive Director of the nonprofit Support a Fallen Hero (launch 2016), and author of the books Passion! 8 Steps to Reignite Yours, Passion! 8 Steps to Find Yours, and Service, My Way of Life. He has performed live for over 1.5 million people in 22 countries and 44 states throughout his career. As an actor, Mark has appeared in ABC's LOST, CBS' Hawaii Five-O, and the Universal Studios movie Battleship. He has performed for Grammy winning artists, Academy Award nominated actors, foreign dignitaries around the world, as well as staffers at the White House. Mark is a former AmeriCorps member, as well as a former Sergeant in the United States Air Force and an Afghanistan War Veteran who currently maintains residences in Fargo, ND and Minneapolis, MN. Information on his company can be found at www.BreathIsLimited.com.

2:15 p.m.

WORKSHOP BLOCK II

3:30 p.m.

BREAK / EXHIBITOR NETWORKING

3:45 p.m.

CLOSING / SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

With remarks from Michigan Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley

4:30 p.m.

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2016 MICHIGAN'S AMERICORPS MEMBER CELEBRATION WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP BLOCK I (11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

Room 101

Nonprofit Nuts & Bolts

Bridget Ferrigan, AmeriCorps Program Director

Habitat for Humanity of Michigan

Are you interested in forming a nonprofit after your term of service? Would you like to get a job in the nonprofit sector and want to know more about how nonprofits operate? Come to this session and find out the basics of starting a nonprofit organization, including applying for tax exempt status, the importance of an active Board of Directors, and keeping your nonprofit healthy after you've achieved tax exempt status. The session will also include where to find out if your nonprofit has a good reputation and finding a job in the field.

Room 102

Facilitation Skills: Will You Thrive or Survive Your Next Meeting?

Jodi Schulz, Extension Educator

Jennifer Weichel, Volunteer Specialist

Michigan State University Extension

What do your meetings say about you? Do people feel inspired or are they ready to retire after they attend one of your meetings? In this hands-on session you will discover ways to engage your meeting attendants and awaken their senses! We will consider how to engage different learning styles, have some fun, address tough topics, and help people consider other perspectives. Facilitation skills are never out of style and can be the key to help participants *thrive* instead of *survive* your next meeting.

Room 103

Targeted Volunteer Recruitment

Lisa Bottomley, Senior Specialist

Frank Cox, Extension Educator

Michigan State University Extension

Volunteer recruitment is an important part of your AmeriCorps service, but recruiting volunteers can be intimidating and time consuming. Join us to learn new recruitment techniques and how to focus your message to engage any audience. Targeted recruitment will help you find the right volunteers and speak to their interests and motivations.

Room 104

Setting & Maintaining Healthy Boundaries During Your Year of Service

Christine Heverly, Extension Educator

Sheila Smith, 4-H Program Leader

Michigan State University Extension

How can you avoid uncomfortable situations and feeling stretched too thin as an AmeriCorps member, employee, or volunteer? Set good boundaries! This session explores how different everyone's boundaries are, the importance of communicating where you stand, and how everyone can still work together to be successful. Interactive activities used during this session can also be taken home to address boundary issues as they arise or, ideally, before they start.

Room 201

Exploring Privilege & Diversity

Andrea Villanueva, AmeriCorps Program Director

Rose Henderson, AmeriCorps VISTA Program Director

Power of We Consortium

Awareness about diversity comes as one develops critical consciousness about his/her own cultural identity and privilege status. This workshop will provide an opportunity to understand the intricacies of privilege and to explore the ways we enjoy privileges based on being members of social identity groups. By illuminating our various privileges as individuals, we can recognize ways to use our privileges both individually and collectively to work for social justice. Reflecting on our personal experiences can help us value diversity and inclusion to create more authentic relationships.

Room 202**Strengthening Communication Skills**

Thomas Long, Extension Educator

Scott Lakin, Extension Educator

Michigan State University Extension

As part of our daily lives, we often misconstrue communication as a natural process that just happens. Misunderstandings and miscommunication can cause a lot of unnecessary frustration whether with co-workers, with volunteers, or with young people. Participants will experience interactive activities to explore concepts like positive-constructive reinforcement, two-way communication, and reflective listening.

Room 203**Storytelling & Your Public Narrative**

Jon Gromek, Midwest Regional Field Director

Service Year Alliance

What's your service story? Each of us has a story that can inspire others to action. When we do public work—as advocates, public servants, organizers, and volunteers—we have a responsibility to offer an account of who we are, why we do what we do, and where we hope to lead. Join this session to learn how to tell your service story and the role that storytelling plays in social movements.

Room 204**Preparations for Career Success**

Eddie Stephens, President & CEO

Actionable Solutions Consulting, LLC

This interactive session will help participants identify attributes, behaviors, and learnings that can help lead to a successful career. Attendees will explore several critical areas, including professionalism, corporate environments, effective time management, résumé highlights, and interviewing tips. Gain insight and knowledge from presenter Eddie Stephens, who spent 30 years in corporate sales and became the first and only African American Vice President of Gillette's US Oral-B professional sales organization. After retiring in 2012 at the age of 51, Eddie started a consulting business dedicated to helping people of all ages achieve their full potential through mentoring, workshops, individual success planning, and coaching.

Room 205**Dealing with Difficult People**

Jay Johnson, Partner/Trainer/Coach

Coeus Creative Group

We all know that there are some people in our professional and personal lives that we just don't care for. In many cases, they are unavoidable; they can be employees or superiors, teammates or antagonists, or sometimes family or friends. No matter how they are connected to you, you have to deal with them. This training explores some of the most common personality & communication based conflict types, & provides strategies to mitigate uncomfortable situations. Learn how to control your own anxiety, proactively manage potential conflicts, and maintain strong, positive relationships with even the most difficult people.

Governor's Room**How to Avoid the "So What?" Grant Proposal**

Marcy Bishop Kates, Research Administrator

Michigan State University

Obtaining grant funding has become increasingly competitive, and guidelines for submitting proposals often leave little room for creativity or unique ideas. This workshop will help you better understand the key components of a grant application, provide practical strategies to simplify the grant writing process, and provide useful techniques for preparing a standout application.

River St. Pub**Energizers and Icebreakers for All Ages and Stages**

Jeanine Yard, Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Officer

Michigan Community Service Commission

Join in this interactive session to learn a variety of approaches to creating a warm, inviting, and exciting place in which to interact. You will walk away with activities that can be adapted for people of all ages. Find out how to facilitate activities that will ensure success in any group. Come have fun while learning!

WORKSHOP BLOCK II (2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

Room 101

Getting the Most Out of Your Education Award

*Marsha Hazen, AmeriCorps Program Manager
Cherry Health*

Learn about using your Segal AmeriCorps Education Award and avoiding some common pitfalls that could end up costing you. This workshop includes information about putting your award toward student loans and college/university tuition, matching institutions, and the tax implications of using your Education Award. Since everyone has a different situation, this workshop will give you valuable information to help you make the best decision for your circumstances.

Room 102

Increasing Cultural Competency

*Scott Lakin, Extension Educator
Michigan State University Extension*

Join us for a meaningful discussion and engaging activities exploring Cultural Competency. Considering your own culture, values, and places of privilege will help you have a successful service year engaging alongside communities authentically.

Room 103

Crossing the Gap: Understanding Generational Differences

*Lisa Bottomley, Senior Specialist
Michigan State University Extension*

Generational differences can have a big impact on relationships – including professional relationships. During this interactive session, we will explore generalized generational differences including communication preferences, technology, defining events, and strengths.

Room 104

Positive Youth Development

*Christine Heverly, Extension Educator
Michigan State University Extension*

If your program involves working with youth, consider joining us as we discuss what Positive Youth Development (PYD) really looks like in communities. Often, youth experience learning and growth from a deficits model—emphasizing what they need to improve. PYD focuses on building upon what youth are already great at and helping them grow related skills and competencies. In this session, we will explore what PYD means and try out some interactive activities you can share at your host sites with other staff and volunteers.

Room 201

Passion! 8 Steps to Find Yours

*Mark J. Lindquist, CEO
Mark J. Lindquist Motivational Speaking*

AmeriCorps Alum Mark J. Lindquist will lead you through the process of discovering your passion during your service year and beyond. Attendees will get a sneak peek into the playbook that Mark has used in 22 countries and 44 states and has guided him to the set of ABC's LOST and CBS' Hawaii Five-O.

Room 202

Exploring Opportunities in the Nonprofit Sector

*Ben Oliver, Challenge Scholars Advisor
Grand Rapids Community Foundation
Ana Rau, AmeriCorps Program Director
Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids
Christie Schichtel, Academic Specialist
MSU Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement
Melissa Steward, Director of AdviseMI
Michigan College Access Network*

If you hope to lead or work at a nonprofit organization someday, this workshop is for you! The nonprofit sector is vast and diverse and encompasses more than 1.6 million organizations, including social welfare organizations, foundations, trade associations, institutions of higher education, and government agencies. A panel of AmeriCorps alums, representing a variety of organizations, will

discuss their journeys from national service to careers in the service sector. Panelists will address how to leverage your service into further professional opportunities, and the education, skills, and experience needed to pursue a nonprofit career.

Room 203

Building the Service Year Movement

*Jon Gromek, Midwest Regional Field Director
Service Year Alliance*

Service Year Alliance is building the movement we need to build public support for expanding service year opportunities and inspire the next generation to serve. Join this session to learn about how to join the movement, what you can do as a Corps member, and as alums to help us make history.

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Room 205

Body Language: Unlocking Hidden Messages

*Jay Johnson, Partner/Trainer/Coach
Coeus Creative Group*

No matter how carefully you prepare, your body will betray you. In this humorous and award winning training, attendees will explore advanced concepts of body language, building rapport, and controlling anxiety while learning the strategic communication practices necessary to establish immediate credibility in social and professional settings. Additionally, attendees will gain a better understanding of human behavior, and learn how to read and understand basic motivations and intentions, providing a significant advantage in all aspects of daily communication, whether at work or play.

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River St. Pub

Harry Potter and the AmeriCorps Wizards

*Jeanine Yard, Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Officer
Michigan Community Service Commission*

Many challenges face AmeriCorps Wizards. Come to Platform 9 ¾ and leave the muggle world behind. Take a trip to Hogwarts where you and your chosen housemates will share your wizardry skills and resources to resolve challenges and eliminate barriers to AmeriCorps service imposed by the dark arts. AmeriCorps Wizards will craft a great story using spells and charms and compete for house points – then we will see what happens!

**Basic knowledge of Harry Potter is a must (or come along with someone who knows!).*